

S. 2294. An Act to facilitate the exchange of criminal history records for noncriminal justice purposes, to provide for the decentralized storage of criminal history records, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to facilitate the fingerprint checks authorized by that Act, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 30. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the rules of multilateral economic institutions, including the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, should be amended to allow membership for the Republic of China on Taiwan and other qualified economies.

S. Con. Res. 81. Concurrent resolution honoring the Berlin Airlift and commending the Berlin Sculpture Fund.

S. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution to commend the Library of Congress for 200 years of outstanding service to Congress and the Nation, and to encourage activities to commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the Library of Congress.

S. Con. Res. 107. Concurrent resolution affirming United States commitments under the Taiwan Relations Act.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 105-186, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, appoints the following Senators to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States—the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER); and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD).

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 105-186, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following Senators to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States—the Senator from New York (Mr. D'AMATO); and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER).

#### ¶66.3 "MORNING-HOUR DEBATE"

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, January 21, 1997, recognized Members for "morning-hour debate".

#### ¶66.4 RECESS—1:10 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. JOHNSON, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess until 2 p.m.

#### ¶66.5 AFTER RECESS—2 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HAYWORTH, called the House to order.

#### ¶66.6 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HAYWORTH, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, June 25, 1998.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

#### ¶66.7 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

9882. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the annual report on foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land through December 31, 1996, pursuant to 7

U.S.C. 3504; to the Committee on Agriculture.

9883. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Electric Engineering, Architectural Services and Design Policies and Procedures (RIN: 0572-AA48) received June 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9884. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting requests for FY 1999 budget amendments totaling \$3.8 million for initiatives that will reduce crime, enhance public safety, and restore confidence in the criminal justice system in the District of Columbia, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1106(b); (H. Doc. No. 105-281); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

9885. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Direct Award of 8(a) Contracts [DFARS Case 98-D011] received June 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

9886. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the disposal of excess and surplus materials, pursuant to Public Law 105-85; to the Committee on National Security.

9887. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General and classified annex for the period ending March 31, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on National Security.

9888. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report entitled "Military Capabilities of the People's Republic of China," pursuant to Public Law 105-85, section 1226; to the Committee on National Security.

9889. A letter from the Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Notice Inviting Applications to the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Microenterprise Development [No. 981-0158] received June 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9890. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Priorities and Allocations System [Docket No. 970827205-8126-02] (RIN: 0694-AA02) received June 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9891. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Thrift Litigation Funding Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9892. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting the FY 1999 revised Annual Performance Plan for the Export-Import Bank, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635g(a); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9893. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7688] received June 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9894. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the annual report to Congress outlining observed trends in the cost and availability of retail banking services; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9895. A letter from the Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the 1997 An-

nual Report to Congress on the Preservation of Minority Savings Institutions; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9896. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 1998-1999 for Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers—received June 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9897. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting Notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 1998-1999 for a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9898. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled "A Study of Benefits for Head Start Employees"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9899. A letter from the Clerk, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, transmitting an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals, No. 96-7030—Carole Kolstad v. American Dental Association; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9900. A letter from the Director, Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of the Cost-Share Requirement and Applicability of the Ten Bonus Points to All Future Solicitations to Operate Minority Business Development Centers (MBDC) [Docket No. 980608150-8150-01] (RIN: 0640-ZA03) received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9901. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Performance-Based Contracting [FAR Subpart 37.6] Performance-Based Contracting [DEAR Section 970.1001] Performance-Based Incentives [Acquisition Letter 97-08] Cost Reduction Incentives [Acquisition Letter 97-09] received June 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9902. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Personnel Security Activities [DOE O 472.1B] received June 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9903. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Packaging and Transportation Safety [DOE O 460.1A] received June 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9904. A letter from the Acting Deputy General Counsel for Energy Policy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Contracting with the Small Business Administration [FAR 19.8] Notification of Competition Limited to Eligible 8(a) Concerns [FAR 52.219-18] Section 8(a) Direct Award [FAR 52.219-70XX] received June 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9905. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Advisory Committee Management Program—received June 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9906. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting the Agency's final rule—OMB Approval Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction Act [FRL-6111-4] received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9907. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan; Indiana [IN85-1a; FRL-6115-7] received June 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9908. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Organobromine Production Wastes; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Land Disposal Restrictions; Listing of CERCLA Hazardous Substances, Reportable Quantities; Final Rule [FRL-6115-4] (RIN: 2050-AD79) received June 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9909. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Ohio [OH103-2; FRL-6116-9] received June 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9910. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) [OPPTS-66009C; FRL-5726-1] (RIN: 2070-AC01) received June 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9911. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Beverages: Bottled Water; Correction [Docket No. 98N-0294] received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9912. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revision of Fee Schedules; 100% Fee Recovery, FY 1998 (RIN: 3150-AF 83) received June 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9913. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the activities and necessary appropriations to establish digital broadcasting capability for public television and radio stations; to the Committee on Commerce.

9914. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting an annual report on Performance Improvement 1998: Evaluation Activities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Commerce.

9915. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Medicaid and Children's Health Improvement Amendments of 1998"; to the Committee on Commerce.

9916. A letter from the Secretary, Securities And Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Definitions of "Small Business" or "Small Organization" Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the Securities Act of 1933 [Release Nos. 33-7548, 34-40122, IC-23272, and IA-1727; File No. S7-4-97] (RIN: 3235-AG62; 3235-AH01) received June 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9917. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 94-50: directed the provision of defense articles

from the stocks of the Department of Defense, defense services of the Department of Defense, and military education and training to the countries participating in the multinational coalition to restore democracy to Haiti, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2318(a)(1); to the Committee on International Relations.

9918. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Navy's proposed lease of defense articles to Spain (Transmittal No. 12-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

9919. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Navy's proposed lease of defense articles to Turkey (Transmittal No. 13-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

9920. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Japan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-41), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

9921. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Japan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-46), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

9922. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Spain for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-48), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

9923. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to the Government of the State of Kuwait (Transmittal No. RSAT-2-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9924. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Germany, NATO, Sweden, Switzerland (Transmittal No. DTC-84-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9925. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Turkey (Transmittal No. DTC-72-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9926. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Germany (Transmittal No. DTC-73-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9927. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Spain (Transmittal No. DTC-80-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9928. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or de-

fense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DTC-75-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9929. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 98-24: Authorized the use of the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund to meet the urgent and unexpected needs of refugees, victims of conflict, and other persons at risk in Africa and Southeast Asia, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(3); to the Committee on International Relations.

9930. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on proliferation of missiles and essential components of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2751 nt.; to the Committee on International Relations.

9931. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the annual report on authorized U.S. commercial exports, military assistance and foreign military sales and military imports for fiscal year 1997, pursuant to Public Law 104-106, section 1324(c) (110 Stat. 481); to the Committee on International Relations.

9932. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on arms control treaty compliance by the successor states to the Soviet Union and other nations that are parties to arms control agreements with the United States, as well as by the United States itself, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2592; to the Committee on International Relations.

9933. A letter from the Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, transmitting the Agency's classified Executive Summary and Annexes to the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency's (ACDA) 1997 Annual Report, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2590; to the Committee on International Relations.

9934. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Passport Procedures—Amendment to Restriction of Passports Regulation [Public Notice 2712] received June 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

9935. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the report on the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty Designated Permanent Storage Sites; to the Committee on International Relations.

9936. A letter from the Mayor, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-357, "Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Request Act" received June 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9937. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Commission Records and Information [17 CFR Part 145] received June 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9938. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Block Grant Programs: Implementation of OMB Circular A-133 (RIN: 0991-AA92) received June 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9939. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the determination that will allow the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to place a contract with the National Academy

of Public Administration; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9940. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Circular 97-05; Introduction [48 CFR Chapter 1] received June 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9941. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting the annual compilation of personal financial disclosure statements and amendments thereto filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 703(d)(1) and Rule XLIV, clause 1, of the House Rules; (H. Doc. No. 105—280); to the Committee on House Oversight and ordered to be printed.

9942. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship National Sea Grant College Federal Fellows Program, [Docket No. 980427106-8106-01] (RIN: 0648-ZA42) received June 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9943. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Closures and Reopenings From the U.S.—Canada Border To Cape Falcon, Oregon [Docket No. 980429110-8110-01 I.D. 060298B] received June 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9944. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Coastal Services Center Coastal Change Analysis Program [Docket No. 980429111-8111-01] (RIN: 0648-ZA43) received June 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9945. A letter from the Executive Director, The Presidio Trust, transmitting the Trust's final rule—Interim Management of the Presidio (RIN: 3212-AA00) received June 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9946. A letter from the Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Adjustment of Status to That of Person Admitted for Permanent Residence [EOIR No. 1191; A.G. ORDER No. 2117-97] (RIN: 1125-AA20) received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9947. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's Twentieth Annual Report to Congress pursuant to section 7A of the Clayton Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 18a(j); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9948. A letter from the Clerk, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, transmitting an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals, No. 96-5343—Auction Company of America v. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Manager of the FSLIC Resolution Trust Fund; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9949. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's 1997 annual report on the recommendations received from the National Transportation Board regarding transportation safety, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 1906(b); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9950. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement, National

Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Miscellaneous Revisions to the NASA FAR Supplement [48 CFR Parts 1807, 1816, 1817, 1827, 1832, 1837, 1842, 1845, and 1852] received June 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

9951. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Disaster Loan Program [13 CFR Part 123] received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

9952. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Rules of NCUA Board Procedure; Promulgation of NCUA Rules and Regulations; Public Observation of NCUA Board Meetings [12 CFR Part 791] received June 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

9953. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting the annual compilation of personal financial disclosure statements and amendments thereto filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 703(d)(1) and Rule XLIV, clause 1, of the House Rules; (H. Doc. No. 105—280); to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and ordered to be printed.

9954. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Criteria for Approving Flight Courses for Educational Assistance Programs (RIN: 2900-AI76) received June 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

9955. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Veterans' Education: Effective Date for Awards of Educational Assistance to Veterans Who Were Voluntarily Discharged (RIN: 2900-AI88) received June 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

9956. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Annual Report of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Fiscal Year 1997, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 214, 221(c), and 664; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

9957. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans, to authorize payment of these benefits at full rates for certain Filipinos who reside in the United States, to establish a reserve to fully fund "H" policy holders under the National Service Life Insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

9958. A letter from the Executive Assistant, Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting a copy of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Fiscal Year 1997 Annual Report; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9959. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize an increase in certain user fees to recover costs incurred for the modernization of automated commercial operations by the United States Customs Service; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9960. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Effect of Imported Articles on the

National Security [Docket No. 980508121-8121-01] (RIN: 0694-AB58) received June 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9961. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability [Rev. Proc. 98-38] received June 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9962. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—EIC Eligibility Requirements (RIN: 1545-AV62) received June 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9963. A letter from the Director, Central Intelligence Agency and Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency, transmitting a unclassified report to Congress on the Intelligence Activities of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).

9964. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the semi-annual report regarding programs for the protection, control, and accountability of fissile materials in the countries of the former Soviet Union, pursuant to Public Law 104—106, section 3131(b) (110 Stat. 617); jointly to the Committees on National Security and International Relations.

9965. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the results of the Demonstration Program for Direct Billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and other Third-Party Payors, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 1671; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Resources.

9966. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting Recommendations for health, safety, and equipment standards for boxers, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 6311; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Education and the Workforce.

9967. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's annual report titled "Importing Noncomplying Motor Vehicles" for calendar year 1997; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

9968. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Presidential Determination No. 98-31 providing a supplementary contribution to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

9969. A letter from the The Board, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a report on the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system, including any recommendations for financing changes for a 25-year period, 1998-2022; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means.

9970. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Effective Dates of Provider Agreements and Supplier Approvals [HSQ-139-F] (RIN: 0938-AC88) received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

9971. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare and Medicaid; Resident Assessment in Long Term Care Facilities [HCFA-2180-F] (RIN: 0938-AE61) received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

9972. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health And Human

Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—MedicareChoice Program; Collection of User Fees From MedicareChoice Plans and Risk-Sharing Contractors [HCFA-1911-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AI35) received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

9973. A letter from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the 1998 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 369; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶66.8 COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, June 26, 1998.*

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, June 26, 1998 at 1:00 p.m.:

That the Senate Agreed to House amendment S. 731.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 651.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 652.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 848.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 960.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1184.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1217.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1635.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.J. Res. 113.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,  
*Clerk.*

¶66.9 COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HAYWORTH, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, June 29, 1998.*

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Monday, June 29, 1998 at 3:03 p.m.

That the Senate Agreed to House amendments to Senate amendments H.R. 3130.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,  
*Clerk.*

¶66.10 COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HAYWORTH, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, July 10, 1998.*

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the

Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, July 10, 1998 at 11:30 a.m.

That the Senate Agreed to conference report H.R. 2676.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,  
*Clerk.*

¶66.11 ENROLLED BILLS, AND JOINT  
RESOLUTION, SIGNED

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HAYWORTH, announced that pursuant to clause 4, rule I, the Speaker pro tempore, Mrs. MORELLA, signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution, on the following dates:

On Tuesday, June 30, 1998:

H.R. 651. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 652. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 848. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York, and for other purposes.

H.R. 960. An Act to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1184. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek hydroelectric project in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1217. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2202. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the bone marrow donor program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2864. An Act to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements.

H.R. 2877. An Act to amend the Occupational Health Act of 1970.

H.R. 3130. An Act to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentives payments for child support performance, to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for states that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 831. An Act to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden Memorial, and for other purposes.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1998:

H.R. 1635. An Act to establish within the United States National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3035. An Act to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies.

H.J. Res. 113. An Act approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capitol.

¶66.12 ORDER OF BUSINESS—RECESS

On motion of Mr. PITTS, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered*, That at any time, after convening at 9 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, July 15, 1998, the Speaker may declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting his excellency Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania.

¶66.13 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
AUTHORIZATION

Mr. SENSENBRENNER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1273) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

*This Act may be cited as the "National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1998".*

**SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

*In this Act:*

(1) **DIRECTOR.**—The term "Director" means the Director of the National Science Foundation established under section 2 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861).

(2) **FOUNDATION.**—The term "Foundation" means the National Science Foundation established under section 2 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861).

(3) **BOARD.**—The term "Board" means the National Science Board established under section 2 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861).

(4) **UNITED STATES.**—The term "United States" means the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

(5) **NATIONAL RESEARCH FACILITY.**—The term "national research facility" means a research facility funded by the Foundation which is available, subject to appropriate policies allocating access, for use by all scientists and engineers affiliated with research institutions located in the United States.

**TITLE I—NATIONAL SCIENCE  
FOUNDATION AUTHORIZATION**

**SEC. 101. FINDINGS; CORE STRATEGIES.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

(1) The United States depends upon its scientific and technological capabilities to preserve the military and economic security of the United States.

(2) America's leadership in the global marketplace is dependent upon a strong commitment to education, basic research, and development.

(3) A nation that is not technologically literate cannot compete in the emerging global economy.

(4) A coordinated commitment to mathematics and science instruction at all levels of education is a necessary component of successful efforts to produce technologically literate citizens.

(5) Professional development is a necessary component of efforts to produce system wide improvements in mathematics, engineering, and science education in secondary, elementary, and postsecondary settings.

(6)(A) The mission of the National Science Foundation is to provide Federal support for basic scientific and engineering research, and to be a primary contributor to mathematics, science, and engineering education at academic institutions in the United States.

(B) In accordance with such mission, the long-term goals of the National Science Foundation include providing leadership to—